

## Where Dollars Roll Away at Every Click of the Telegraph Instrument and a Motley Group Pays Tribute to Bookmakers.

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with eyes glued to its favorites' names on the long row of blackboards at the far end of the poolroom, and mouths open to hear the better, a motley group listens as reverently as did the ancients to the oracle of Delphi, for these words mean dollars and cents to its members, who recognize no other divisity events. who recognize no other divinity except the goddess of chance.

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Asaph's every afternoon in the year ex- often lands a winner. cent Sundays. The one poolroom in active operation in these parts the au-thorities have tried in vain for years to

proprietors, and their friends to get the torn-up betting tickets.

T the quarter-Old England in | St. Asauh race track of ancient and the lead-by a length-Gera-nium second-by two lengths was outlawed some eight or ten years At old St. Asaph's poolroom, in Alexandria county, the crowd is on its feet drinking in every word that comes in a slow, even tone from the telegraph operator. Tap-tap! tap-tap! the dollars are rolling away at every click of the interval of the county of

The cupolas of the old grandstand give the rambling structure a jaunty

At the farther end of the barnlike room are the blackboards on which are the names of the entries in the races to be run that afternoon. Immediately Touts with glinty eyes and horsey to be run that afternoon. Immediately belothes; buch negroes, whose eyes roll almost in circles as the news pleases the news pleases to be run that afternoon. Immediately below these boards is a long, high counter such as is found in any saloon. Be-

other betting counter which is for "comhabitues that whiskers and good luck being for the straight bets. The combination" bets alone, the other counters used-to-do-it smile in your eyes; but if yet there are enough winners in these and out and then they turn up for anyou don't care whether Geranium is a combinations to make them a drawing other try at the game and will keep

Lining the sides of the rooms are lunch stands and a bar. There are rows care a damm so often lands the money? Perhaps it is compensation for the excitement he loses. But there is many a man in the St. Asaph crowd that would sell his excitement for a very little hard cash.

Wins by Two Lengths.

"Geranium wins—by two lengths! Old England second—by a length; King Pepper third." "Never win on the first race. How's the odds on the next?" and those that slipped up begin to figure new combinations, while the winners wait patiently or otherwise for confirmation of the results.

Up in a little cubbyhole above the heads of the crowd on the main floor are the women who are following the races in which they are interested. Here is where you find your old hand with his race book filled with clippings, showing the past performances of every horse that ever went for a warming up gallop on any track in the country. What he can't tell you about the supposed chances of the respect of other women.

It they cannot win in the games which their mode of life leaves them, what is

A Dirty Place.

close, Crandal Mackey, commonwealth's whole place is dirt. The floor would the throne that protects the proprietors no one can say positively. It is a political fight in the county, however. The anti-gambling party elected Mr. Mackey, but only by a majority of two, so evenly matched were the two forces.

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eyes are fastened upon it the lost ones one that their tempting those long the sure; they catch many an unwary doldo not know that they are looking at it.

When the returns are coming in they of the hundreds of bets placed at St. When the returns are coming in they do not watch the operator but the on turning up until the poolroom cluses.

Where Women Sit.

Up in a little cubbyhole above the

firmation of the results.

What he does tell you is often worth their mode of life leaves them, what is Such a scene is on the boards at St. less. But in spite of his mistakes he the use of anything? The men downstairs pay little attention to the women. It's dollars, not pretty faces, that they are there to find. Then, too, there are One distinguishing mark about the few men even in that crowd who do not close. Crandal Mackey, commonwealth's whole place is dirt. The floor would attorney for Alexandria county, has make a self-respecting porker sad, just even though they are well slong on the same road. They have all had mothers bets there, but so far he has had little success. What power there is behind success. What power there is behind to look at it. There is an aroma about the room that is all its own, but nobody seems to notice it particularly. It is the motion of the placing of the look at it. There is an aroma about the room that is all its own, but nobody seems to notice it particularly. It is

tips are given freely. When the special finally reaches St. Asaph the "heelers" a chance to bet his fill and empty his are on their feet ready to make a rush to place their bets on the first race. Up are to be had there, and in the course forms, but they carry thick and handy

bets. There are three of these, one for each of the three colored tickets—red, green, and yellow.

Another in the Middle.

About the middle of the room is an
boards and only leave the magic ligures for odd moments during the afternoon, such as when they are laying their bets or reading the tips in the "Telegraph."

There is something fescinating about that board, for half the time that their tempting those long odds are, to be a specific to the many an unwary dol-

are first cousins, sure it is that a several days' growth adorns the faces of most. Electric fans try to thin the clouds of rank tobacco smoke which hang like a haze over the heads of the mass.

"At the half—Old England leads—by half a length; Geranium second—by five lengths." There is a hopeful hum from the crowd. Geranium has been heavily nother words, if you play a combination of the straight bination bets have a great attraction for the frequenters of the place, for they offer long odds. Instead of playing one horse to win or for place in one race, or both, in a combination bet save a great attraction for the frequenters of the place, for they could hurry the skate along that they could hurry the skate played and looks a good thing, sure to finish in the money. If you are a new-to-one-shot in one race and a six-in order to play the first race of the with prices that range from four to one afternoon. But they have the horse microbe in them to such an extent that they are practically incurable. They look bored or get that far-away how-I- are slimmer than those in straight bets,

Bookies Split Money.

Unlike the betting rings at the big race meetings, the bookmakers split money, and deal in half-dollars and even in quarters. Boys take advantage of social gradation.

He is immediately followed by the betting rome a highest of scale of social gradation.

He is immediately followed by the ring hand together be and each contributing a sum ranging from a nickel to a half dollar will place a dollar or two on what the biggest one of the gang thinks is a good thing. "Cheest mag, look to me play de winner in de handicap," says a fifteen-year-did and saunters up to the bookmaker."

"Put that on his nibs, Hermis, see!"

In the scale of general precedence.

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The speaker of the house of commons, the scale is the title to bear coat armor.

Left Out in the Cold.

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them to see any woman in that position.

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Man With a System,

old and saunters up to the bookmaker, "Put that on his nibs, Hermis, see!"

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Some carefully shelved in the courts. They will fight on every technicality general content of the fight on the Sairt.

Poor old St. Asaph: If the good man, had foreaseen what his name was to stand for in the country. We will take the statudy afternoon and the policoom. The country is the policoom of the pressure of the stand for in the country. It is sufficient to play the first race. Some 200 or 300 min, and half a dozen on a likely looking chariot, since it had to play the many electron of the many stand for in the country. We will have placed a small betor two on a likely looking chariot, since it had to be will have placed as small betor two on a likely looking chariot, since it had the business of the country would have placed as many likely the country will have placed as many likely the country likely the country will have placed as many likely the country likely th

Returns Sometimes Late.

The returns from the races at distant

THE RAILROAD STATION WITH "STASAPH'S SPECIAL" ON THE TRACK.

That's not the word to describe the cars after the St. Asaph gang has boarded the train. They are worse than a lout its getting it, as a trio to St. tracks are late in getting in, especially ed the train. They are worse than a if they come from the West, where there New York downtown tenement house

inside Story Ashington's

a race and failed to follow it up with the cash.

Crowd on the Cars.

the country. The poolroom has never seemed to notice the jolt given it by the Western Union when it refused to trans-

## THE SCALE OF PRECEDENCE IN THE ENGLISH NOBILITY

dollar or two on an odds-on horse, nor even on one whose price is even money. So the crowd looks for the horse with a fair record, carrying light weight and some odds. Cccasionally a bounder wanders up and places a bet of \$500, \$800, or \$1,000, and becomes the hero of the minute. But these large bets are not frequent, and are almost always placed on favorites, where the odds are small. An old hand will play hundreds on an odds-on horse, and usually win. The book-makers are chary about taking large bets on the long shots, lowever.

Bookies Split Money.

VERY one knows that in the scale of general precedence for the eighteenth century, when the foundation of the empire on a solid hasis was really laid.

The Tudors were absolute kings with most obedient parliaments, and the Stuarts lost the crown in consequence of their endeavoring to continue the personal autocratic monarchy of their predecessors; hence the representatives of the people were not likely to receive, and did not receive, any recognition in the scale of general precedence.

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